

(v) No. It does not appear that living in the hostels is more expensive than living outside in the localities.

The number of Government Hostels in the State.

384. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Government Hostels in the State maintained for (a) caste-Hindus, (b) Tiyyas, (c) other non-caste Hindus, (d) Christians, (e) Muhammadans and (f) other communities?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The information is given in the subjoined statement. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

Cottage Industries in the State.

385. Mr. Lonappan Chakkola.—Will the Government be pleased to place a statement on the table showing (1) the nature and measure of the support the Government has been rendering to the cottage industries in the State during the last decade, (2) the progress or otherwise of the industries so aided during the period, and (3) the cottage industries that are now in existence in the State, and the number of people engaged in these industries for their livelihood?

Mr. C. Matthai.—A note supplying the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

The expenditure incurred in connection with the British Empire Exhibition.

386. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) The total expenditure incurred by the Government in connection with the British Empire Exhibition;

(ii) A list of and cost of exhibits despatched by Government;

(iii) The total amount realised by sale of exhibits in England or elsewhere;

(iv) What has been done with the exhibits that have not been sold away?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(i) The member is referred to the answer furnished to part (c) to question No. 269.

(ii) A printed list of State exhibits and another list of educational exhibits are placed on the Legislative Council Secretary's table for reference.

(iii) Vide answer to part (c) to question No. 269.

(iv) Agricultural products and leather exhibits were made over to the Imperial Institute, London. The teak plank with the Coat of Arms (item No. 275 in the printed list) has been ordered to be transferred to the State Museum. The Educational exhibits are kept in the G. T. School, Trichur, and are to be sold in auction.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—What is the probable cost of the agricultural products and the leather exhibits sent to the Imperial Institute, London?

Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot say. I think the Comptroller of Accounts will be able to enlighten us on the point.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Do the disposals referred to in the answer cover all the exhibits sent to the Imperial Institute?

Mr. C. Matthai.—All the exhibits were disposed of, except those mentioned here. I know some are remaining in the G. T. School, Trichur, and they are about to be auctioned. The various disposals are mentioned in the list.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are there any things missing?

President.—They have been either handed over to the Exhibition Committee or they have been disposed of. The remaining exhibits are at Trichur.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—No other exhibits remaining?

Mr. C. Matthai.—They have been disposed of, either one way or the other, except those mentioned here.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—So no exhibit is missing. Then, may I further ask whether the exhibits were sold by means other than those mentioned in the answer? We realised only £ 380 by way of sale, whereas the amount spent was a large sum.

Mr. C. Matthai.—These were sold in London?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Very few were sold in London.

Mr. C. Matthai.—We realised about £ 380 by way of sale. We spent a large amount, but that is a different question.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—If the Government decide that the remaining is only so much, where are they placed?

Mr. C. Matthai.—They are kept in Government Technical School, Trichur.

387. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the exhibits referred to in question above that are now in the possession of Government?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Vide answer to part (iv) of question above.

Encouragement to Industrial Education.

388. Mr. I. E. Ambookan.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any step will be taken by the Government to encourage industrial education in schools by introducing spinning on "*Charka*" in all schools of the State?

(b) Has the Government taken up any scheme so as to give any financial help such as a special grant for the same?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any amount has been spent by the Government in the last school year for the development of the handicraft teaching in schools conducted by the private agencies? If so, what amount?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) The Inspecting Officers have already been asked to suggest a select number of schools where hand-spinning could be tried successfully and with the least expenditure.

(b) No definite scheme has yet been formulated.

(c) No amount was spent.

Scholarships given to students for studies outside the State.

389. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) The number of scholarships given every year by the Government from 1918 to prosecute studies or undergo training outside the State ;

(b) The purpose for which the scholarships given ;

(c) Among the scholarship holders, how many are (1) Brahmins, (2) non-Brahmin caste-Hindus, (3) Tiyyas, (4) other non-caste Hindus (5) Christians, (6) Muhammadans and (7) Jews;

(d) The amount of scholarship in each case ;

(e) How many of such scholarship-holders are now in the State service, their names and the salary which each of them now gets ;

(f) Whether the Government have recovered any amount from any one of the scholarship-holders, and if so ;